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In re application of :

Ronen Sander et al. :

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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR COMBATting INSECTS AND VIRUSES
TRANSMITTED TO PLANTS THEREBY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2000, kindly amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-17 without prejudice or disclaimer in favor of the following new
claims (a marked up version of the claims is not provided since all the claims are replaced
with new claims):

--18. A method for protecting a growing plant from insects and from insect-
transmitted plant viruses, which comprises applying to at least one surface of the growing
plant, a composition comprising at least one interference pigment whereby said composition
is effective to repel said insects and thus protect the plant.

19. The method according to claim 18, wherein said composition is adapted for
applying to said surface in the form of a spray or dusting powder.

20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said composition is an aqueous